

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 31-33 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 6-11, 13-17, 19-20 and 28-34 are pending in the instant application. Independent claim 6 has been amended to include limitations similar to the last two paragraphs of allowed claim 31. Claims 7-8, 14, and 19-20 have been amended to depend on allowed claim 31. Claim 12 has been have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claim 34 depending on allowed claim 31 has been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Claims 31-33 stand allowed as indicated in the Office Action. Claims 7-8, 10, 14-17, 19-20 and 34 which are all dependent on allowed claim 31 should be allowed as well.

Independent claim 6 is believed patentable over the applied art of record which fails to fairly teach or suggest the limitations newly added to claim 6. Claims 9, 11, 13 and 28-30 are patentable over the art at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 6.

Withdrawal of all art rejections and allowance of the instant application in view of the above are believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the above amendments have been made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution and are not necessitated by the Examiner's rejections which are improper for the reasons advanced in the previous Amendment papers.

Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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